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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 6587

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, PK

SUBJ: BALUCHISTAN OPPOSITION LEADERS ARRESTED

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED REPORT EVENING AUGUST 15 THAT FORMER BALUCHISTAN GOVERNOR BIZENJO HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN RAWALPINDI. CONGEN KARACHI HAS NOW REPORTED THAT BALUCH TRIBAL CHIEF MAZARI CONFIRMED AUGUST 16 ARREST OF BIZENJO AS WELL AS ARRESTS IN QUETTA OF TWO LEADING BALUCHISTAN OPPOSITION TRIBAL LEADERS, K.B. MARRI AND ATAULLAH MENGAL (ALL THREE ARE LEADERS OF BALUCHISTAN NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY AND MENGAL IS NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT). MAZARI ADDED THAT ARREST WARRANTS ALSO ISSUED AGAINST HIMSELF AND AHMAD NAWAZ BUGTI, GOVERNOR'S BROTHER WHO IS SUPPORTING OPPOSITION. REPORTS OF ARRESTS BIZENJO, MARRI AND MENGAL HAVE ALSO COME TO US HERE FROM OPPOSITION FIGURE SHAUKAT HYAT, WHO SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY MENGAL'S PRIVATE SECRETARY IN PHONE CALL FROM KARACHI.

2. COMMENT: ARRESTS MARK END OF EFFORTS IN RECENT  
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MONTHS TO ACHIEVE SOME POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION BETWEEN

BHUTTO'S GOVERNMENT AND NAP OPPOSITION IN BALUCHISTAN.  
INITIAL EMBASSY REACTION TO THESE ARRESTS OF MAJOR  
OPPOSITION FIGURES IN BALUCHUSTAN IS THAT THEY COULD  
LEAD TRIBES AFFECTED INTO MORE ACTIVE RESISTANCE TO  
BHUTTO AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, EVEN AT LEVEL USUALLY  
ASSOCIATED WITH INSURGENCY. MOREOVER, FROM THIS DISTANCE  
APPEARS POSSIBLE THIS DEVELOPMENT COULD STIMULATE ADVERSE  
AFGHAN REACTION TENDING CONFIRM PAKISTANI FEARS OF DAUD  
INTENTIONS ON GREATER PUKHTOONISTAN. NAP PRESIDENT  
WALI KHAN WILL ADDITIONALLY BE HARD PRESSED TO REACT  
STRONGLY TO ARREST OF PARTY LEADERS IN BALUCHISTAN.  
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